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Letter dated 23 August 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to enclose herewith a facsimile message from Omer Hassan Ahmad Al-Bashir, President of the Republic of the Sudan, for your consideration (see annex).

I would greatly appreciate it if you could have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Omer Bashir **Manis**
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Annex to the letter dated 23 August 2006 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of the Sudan to the United Nations addressed to the President of the Security Council

[Original: Arabic]

Khartoum, 23 August 2006

I am in receipt of your letter dated yesterday, for which I am most grateful, in which you request the sending of a high-level representative of the Government of the Sudan to take part in the meeting to be held by the Security Council on the situation in Darfur. The Council's initiative for the holding a meeting on Darfur to which regional organizations are to be invited, as we have learned, is fully in accord with my appeal for an ongoing dialogue between the Government of the Sudan and the Security Council with a view to arriving at a common understanding regarding the most salutary means of promoting peace in Darfur, as stated in my letter addressed to you two days ago.

Following careful consideration of your letter, and given our strong desire that the meeting should achieve its desired objective, we feel that it would be fitting to postpone the meeting in order to provide more time to prepare for it carefully and properly, particularly in view of the fact that it is desirable for the meeting to include the participation of important regional organizations known for their concern, their perseverance and their assiduous efforts regarding the situation in Darfur.

Accept, Sir, the assurances of my highest consideration.

(*Signed*) Omer Hassan Ahmad **Al-Bashir**
President of the Republic